

## LOCAL OPTION SUPPORTERS LAST APPEAL TO VOTERS

Tucumcari, October 6, 1915  
Tucumcari News,  
City.

Gentlemen:—  
I stated yesterday to one of the saloon men here that I had no objection to the publication of a letter received by me from Mr. Vorenberg of Wagonmound, brother of our townsman, A. Vorenberg, and I presume the letter will be published this week. Mr. Vorenberg has furnished the other side with a copy of the letter to me in answer to my inquiry to him asking whether prohibition was satisfactory to the people of Wagonmound. He stated that it was not satisfactory and that there had been bootlegging. In a considerable correspondence which I have had to a number of nearby towns, I have received only two letters from persons who said that prohibition was not satisfactory to the people.

We will have, however, from Wagonmound, a man, Hon. Blas Sanchez, who is satisfied with prohibition and will come here and help us put Tucumcari dry. Of course there are people who do not believe in local option and we have many of them here and we cannot but concede that there are some towns that have found local option unsatisfactory, but the great weight of opinion, authority and experience is against the open saloon and in favor of prohibition in any form. I was told yesterday that the Osteopathic Doctors in National convention recently declared in favor of prohibition in any form.

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El Paso, Texas, Oct. 2, 1915  
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Dear Sir:—  
If anyone in Tucumcari is fearful that prohibition will hurt the town financially, he should visit Arizona. The Arizona prohibition law which went into effect at the beginning of this year is the most drastic in the United States and it is working well. In the El Paso Herald of October 1, 1915, a press dispatch appears as follows:

"Phoenix, Ariz. Oct. 1.—Arizona banks during the past six months have made a gain in resources of \$3,381,381.25, as shown by the semi-annual figures compiled by the state bank controller J. C. Callaghan.  
"This gain of more than 8 per cent reflects a prosperity which has come to Arizona during a period when eastern states were feeling a business depression as a result of the European war. As an evidence of the prosperity which has struck Arizona, the bank deposits during the six months period show a gain of \$2,931,204.  
"The 46 state banks reported a gain of \$2,158,487.20 in deposits and amount due banks, and the 13 national banks an increase of \$772,717.16 in the same item, making a total of over \$2,900,000. Undivided profits of state banks increased \$83,197.45 during the year, while national banks reported a gain of \$89,775.84 in surplus and undivided profits."

Perhaps some persons will deny that prohibition has anything to do with the increasing prosperity of Arizona but they must admit that prohibition does not prevent prosperity. As a matter of fact, the present experience of the Arizona banks is a common experience of banks in prohibition territory all over the United States. The evidence is incontrovertible and conclusive that prohibition does increase bank deposits and the facts show that the increase comes largely from people of small means many of whom did not have bank accounts prior to the advent of prohibition. If there are any doubting Thomases in Tucumcari, their doubts can be dispelled by interviewing the merchants of towns of Arizona who will tell them that their business has improved under prohibition, that their collections are better and that former dead-beats now pay cash. The sheriffs of the state in general and the sheriff of Cochise county in particular will tell anyone investigating the matter that there has been a big decrease in the number of prisoners in Arizona jails since the state went dry. It is well known that many of the jails in Kansas have had few or no prisoners for years and that some of them have been converted to other uses, some of the counties finding jails no longer necessary.

The liquor business and the vice which goes with it are the only things in Tucumcari that prohibition will hurt.

In this connection, the following letter from the mayor of Des Moines, Iowa, to the editor of the New Republic is interesting and corroborative:

September 22, 1915

"Dear Sir:  
I have your inquiry concerning the effect of closing saloons in our city. "We are accredited of being the only city of 100,000 people voluntarily

closing up its own saloons. This was done on the 15th of February of this year; the saloons being voted out by the unanimous ballot of the city commission. Contrary to the predictions of many, business conditions have not been apparently affected adversely in the least practically all of the 86 locations were within a few weeks occupied with new lines of business. Some of the more out of the way places, of course, had to wait longer for tenants.

"The general effect on other lines of business has been beneficial rather than contrary. Money that went for liquor now goes for groceries, dry goods, clothing, lumber, payments on little homes, etc., practically every line of business has shared in the benefits. Inquiry among merchants reveals the fact also that collections are better since the closing of saloons.

"Best of all, however, is the vast reduction in the amount of liquor consumed and the approved condition of many families that bore the brunt of all the sacrifices and hardships chargeable to it.

There has been, of course, some attempt at bootlegging, but on the whole there has been a general hearty acquiescence in the enforcement of the law. Heretofore there have been about 8,000 arrests for intoxication annually; this was an average of nearly 20 a day, since the closing of saloons the number of arrests has been reduced to a fraction of this number and by far the larger number of these has been at the week-end when men would go to an adjacent city for liquor. With January 1, next year, all the saloons of the state will be closed and we shall then be rid of another bad feature of the situation.

Yours very truly,  
Jas. R. Hanna, Mayor."

Yours truly,  
J. L. CAMPBELL.

### FIBER FACTORY NEWS

Word comes from Mr. Raymond, of the Fiber Factory that he is now pushing the work on the new machines and as soon as he gets things in shape he will come to Tucumcari to see about the erection of the new buildings for the factory.

He was delayed on account of the insurance companies taking their time in paying the losses. He finally accepted the full amount less five per cent and is now ready to talk business and expects to have the buildings built separately so that if one catches on fire the whole thing will not burn as it did this time. Another thing will make it much better is that the building will be fire-proof or as near as possible.

Some of the old machinery has been removed from the debris and sent east in hopes they can be worked over and made good enough to use in the work here. It was thought two or three of the machines will be all right.

We have had numerous inquiries in regard to when the factory will be rebuilt, so now it seems we are at last in position to say as soon as the buildings are ready the machinery will be here and work will resume.

School was dismissed Wednesday so that the youngsters might be able to take in the county fair without playing "hooky." Its mighty hard for a boy or girl to study when there is a fair or a big show in town.

"THE BUILDER OF BRIDGES"  
Frohman-World Film pictures Alfred Sutro's fine play.

World Film Corporation presents the five-part photoplay "The Builder of Bridges" based upon the play of the same name by Alfred Sutro. The Frohman Amusement Corporation has produced the picture under the direction of George Irving, who has selected a splendid cast for the offering.

C. Aubrey Smith is "The Builder of Bridges." The character is one that suits this well known actor's vigorous style.

Another prominent actor in the cast is G. W. Anson, who for many years was a leading exponent of popular parts on the stage.

Marie Edith Wells, a beautiful girl, and a charming actress, plays opposite the builder of bridges—who has a very knotty problem to solve in this photoplay.

Bridge-building on a vast scale is shown in this picture, which includes some striking incidents and thrills.

At the New Monday night Oct. 11.



## QUAY COUNTY FAIR HAS RECORD-BREAKING ATTENDANCE

CONTEST FULL OF EXCITEMENT  
AND EVERY EVENT ENJOY-  
ED NUMEROUS ENTRIES

The fair opened Tuesday morning with a good attendance and everybody feeling fine. At 9:45 the band appeared in their new uniforms and gave a nice concert on the bank corner. Several beautiful pieces were rendered and at 11 o'clock the announcer, C. E. Owens, started the crowd to the grounds near the postoffice where the street had been graded and specially prepared for the field events.

The first event was a 100-yard dash and five entries were made. Earl Kelly easily won the race, defeating Herbert Smith and C. E. Ward of this city to the surprise of most of the crowd.

The sack race had a number of entrants and was won by Roger Keeler, after an exciting race.

Clellie Jackson and Mertice Parish won the wheelbarrow race in good fast time.

The three-legged race was won by Roger Keeler and Walter Rector.

The bicycle slow race was another with a number of entrants, but all of the contestants dropped out before reaching the end of the course, with the exception of Ruel Garrett, who was declared the winner.

Emory Walker won the turtle race in an exciting 50-yard run. He was closely followed by several others.

The fat men's race was postponed until Wednesday when the weight was cut down to just over 160 men whether they weighed 180 or 500, so this event was listed on Wednesday's program.

The high jump, free for all, was also postponed until Wednesday.

The egg race was one of the most hotly contested of the morning events and nearly all the entrants failed to finish with an egg in the spoon. This event was won by Sidney Johnson.

Clellie Jackson won the obstacle race after an exciting chase through all kinds of contraptions.

Wednesday morning opened with a record-breaking crowd. The band put on the concert at 10:00 and many compliments were heard from outsiders about our home band. The boys were liberal with their music and held the crowd until about 11 when the field events were commenced near the postoffice under the direction of Rev. E. J. Hoering.

The first events were for children under 12 years of age and there were plenty of entrants.

One hundred yard dash was won by Floyd Underwood.

Emma Gerhardt won the 100-yard dash for girls.

Wm. Nichol came out 1st in sack race and several others finished close.

Tom Satterlee and Harold Lovin won the three-legged race.

Alison Keeler and Don Hittson won the wheelbarrow race.

The slow bicycle race was won by Floyd Underwood.

Elton Eslinger came out first in the turtle race with Grason Pack a close second.

Floyd Underwood was declared winner in the egg and spoon race.

Harold Lovin was the winner in the small boys obstacle race.

Clellie Jackson won the obstacle race again Wednesday but was counted out because it had been announced that those winning Tuesday could not enter the contest Wednesday, and Jesse Brewer was declared the winner in the free for all.

The 1/4-mile race was won by Walter Rector in good time.

Grace Rucker won the egg and spoon race for girls.

The tug of war between the Clio and K. K. societies of the High School was won by the K. K.'s.

The high jump was the most hotly contested and after some time J. W. King cleared the pole and no one could raise it.

After dinner the crowd went to the ball grounds where racing and brone riding was the pastime most of the afternoon. Many interesting events were pulled off. Then the ball game between two picked teams dividing the first team which was a good game and ended with a score of 5 to 3. Special races continued all through the afternoon and everybody had a good time.

The auction sale at the Rhoades barn was pulled off according to regular schedule and everything sold at good prices.

The judges of the various departments were busy during the afternoon tying the ribbons on the winners and we give below a partial list or as many as have called for their prize money. The stock show was far above the average and shows Quay county is being awakened to the fact that it pays to raise good stock.

### AGRICULTURE

We could not secure the winners names in the agricultural department

but will try to give the list in full next week. This department was not as full as was anticipated but everything shown was of high quality. The corn was much better than that shown last year and while there were more exhibitors the showing was not sufficient to attempt to compete with the counties of the state at the state fair in Albuquerque next week.

### HORSES

The awards on horses were as follows:

Best Stallion Any Age or Breed  
T. A. Wayne 1st; J. L. Johnson 2nd; and George Baier 3rd.

Best Stallion Over 1 Year and Under 2  
T. M. Lockett 1st and Miss Mary Irmie Baier 2nd.

Best Colt Under 1 Year  
C. F. Belkham 1st; C. L. Crawford 2nd; and J. W. Woodard 3rd.

Best Mule Colt Under 2 Years  
V. C. Marrs 1st; D. E. Jenkins 2nd; V. C. Marrs 3rd.

Best Mare With Colt  
D. E. Jenkins 1st; G. W. Wells 2nd.

Best Pair of Work Horses  
F. W. Berry 1st; D. E. Jenkins 2nd; C. A. Rogers 3rd.

Best Pair of Mules  
S. L. Elhart 1st.

Best Jack  
Ed. Ellis 1st; Walter Harrell 2nd.

Best Gelding, Any Age  
Tom Horton 1st; Joe Gardner 2nd; Joe Gardner 3rd.

Best Saddle Stuff  
George Baier 1st; Mary Baier 2nd; Donald Belmore 3rd.

Colts Over 1 Under 2  
Frost Bros. 1st; U. Johnson 2nd; W. F. Gore 3rd.

Best Driver  
Miss Adine Spruce 1st; Geo. Baier 2nd.

Ed. Ellis 1st Arabian ponies.  
Fred Frick 1st best yearling by Royal Dexter owned by Geo. Baier.

Baier won 1st and 2nd on saddle-bred yearlings.

### CATTLE

M. R. Moore won 1st and 2nd on Durham cow; G. F. Odell 3rd.

Mrs. S. N. Brewer won 1st on Jersey cow; Phil Shahan 2nd.

J. D. Stone 1st of cow and calf.  
Hereford bull C. H. Hittson 1st; C. T. Taylor 2nd.

C. H. Hittson and sons won 1st, 2nd 3rd and 4th on registered Herefords any age.

H. DeOliviera won 1st on unregistered Hereford bull any age.

Other awards were made but the winners have not yet called for the prize money.

### POULTRY

Best Coop Barred Plymouth Rocks  
A. Reynolds 1st; Mae Caldwell 2nd; Arthur Johnson 3rd.

Best Coop White Plymouth Rock  
H. D. Thomas 1st.

Best Coop Rhode Island Red  
Truine Baier 1st.

Best Coop White Orpington  
Harry McElroy 1st; Herbert Gerhardt 2nd.

Best Silver Laced Wyandotte  
Mrs. W. P. Yerber, 1st.

Best Coop Buff Orpington  
Mrs. C. E. Hunter 1st; Ed. Hall 2nd and 3rd.

Arthur Johnson 1st on Black Langshans.

Mrs. Henry Kuhlman 1st on Brown Leghorns.

Edward Clemmens 1st on White Bantams.

Best Coop Turkeys  
J. H. Bridges 1st; Wm. Shope 2nd; Mrs. C. M. Keeler 3rd.

Roy Gardner 1st on ducks.  
Mary Zabo 1st on white pigeons.  
Gracen Pack 1st on Homer Pigeons.

CROCHET AND TATTING  
Mrs. T. A. Wayne, Mrs. J. M. Edwards, Mrs. L. W. McKenzie, Mrs. Mary E. Reed, Mrs. W. B. Belknap, Mrs. B. P. Austin, Mrs. J. M. Putman, Mercedes Gutierrez, Miss Jennings, Miss Finney, Mrs. Mae Wallis, Mrs. J. E. Strickland, Mrs. W. G. Conner, Mrs. Willard Reynolds and Mrs. Earl George were all winners in this department.

EMBROIDERY AND FANCY WORK  
Mesdames Beeth, Noble R. B. Anglin, McKenzie, McAlpine, Rusby, Reed, Strickland, C. U. Long, A. M. Rook, Butcher, Elmer Edwards, R. L. Hicks were the winners in this class.

COOKED FOOD EXHIBIT  
Mrs. Wyatt Johnson, F. E. McCannish, Aull, Keeler, McAlpine, Caldwell, J. J. Patterson, of Lesbia; Mrs. W. J. McClung, Lesbia were exhibitors of cakes, bread pies and butter and were winners of special prizes.

CANNED GOODS  
Best can peaches—Mrs. Saxon 1st; Mrs. Bridges 2nd.

Best can pears—Mrs. McCannish.

Best collection—Mrs. McCannish 1st; Mrs. Wasson 2nd.

Best home-made pickles—Mrs. Saxon 1st; Mrs. Gerhardt 2nd.  
Best collection jellies—Mrs. McCannish 1st; Mrs. Wasson 2nd.  
Best display fruit—Mrs. McCannish 1st; Mrs. Wasson 2nd.  
Best Apples—Mrs. Saxon.  
Best Plums—Mrs. Saxon.

### PAINTINGS

Mrs. D. K. Thompson, Misses Lois Shields, Ruby Dickey, Lois Shields, Sybil Fox, May Ellis, Lois Coulter, Bernice Bonfield, Hazel Fausnacht, Nettie Duncan, were all prize winners in this department.

### HAND-PAINTED CHINA

Lemonade Set—Mrs. Putman.  
Sandwich Tray—Mrs. Putman.  
Salad Bowl—Mrs. Farr Herring 1st; Mrs. Thompson 2nd; Mrs. Putman 3d.  
Marmalade Set—Mrs. Putman.  
Celery Tray—Mrs. Putman.  
Dinner Plates—Mrs. Herring 1st and 2nd.  
Serving Plates—Mrs. Putman.  
Cream and Sugar—Mrs. Putman 1st and Mrs. Herring 2nd.  
Chop Plate—Mrs. Earl George.  
General Collection—Mrs. Farr Herring.

Honorable Mention Rev Hearn was World Film Corporation presents by R. B. Mowry; and small piano by Ivy Maywald.

### BUYS BLUE RIBBONER

Herman DeOliviera sold his fine prize-winning Hereford bull calf to Guy Elliott. This was a fine calf and carried off the blue ribbon. It was 8 months old and weighed 550 pounds after being brought by wagon about 30 miles. Herman says he will have a number of these fine animals within another year.

### AGRICULTURAL EXHIBITS

Louis Sabo's exhibit consists of tobacco and corn.

Henry Smith has June corn, bloody butcher corn, white maize, and dwarf maize.

B. F. Conger maize, kafir, squashes, carrots, fine yellow corn, pop corn.

Dan Culbertson red and black hull kafir.

Phil Shahan good display of maize and feterita.

Gus Byars, Dodson, maize.

Will Miller and W. P. Moore, maize, South African Peas, etc.

R. B. Garrett, corn.

Ed. Ellis, dwarf maize, pop corn, kafir and maize.

John Wattenbarger, Jordan, fine display of maize.

W. N. Surratt, Jordan, corn.

E. C. Thompson, kafir, corn.

T. B. Morgan, bloody butcher corn, squashes, red maize, Indian corn.

J. T. Crow, West, bloody butcher corn, pop corn, 49-lb. pumpkin, different kinds of corn and squashes.

Walter C. Roger, West, June corn.

Fred Walther, bloody-butcher corn.

Elbert Hall, apples.

Mrs. C. R. Jackson, tomatoes.

Mrs. J. J. Patterson, Lesbia, tomatoes and beets.

J. M. Bonds, maize, pop corn, tomatoes, Indian corn.

John Sarguy, maize, white and red.

U. Johnston, red kafir, the heads being 15 inches long. His farm is 9 1/2 miles east of town.

O. W. Warner, dwarf maize, and standard maize, which looked extra good; also some good cucumbers.

Gus Lerke, red top cane and dwarf maize.

Ben Kilgore, Hanley, corn, maize, feterita and Sudan grass.

W. A. Dodson, Indian corn, pop corn kafir and feterita.

W. A. Harrell, three miles east of Tucumcari, kafir, maize, fine yellow corn, June corn, feterita, Sudan grass and melons.

Foley Griggs, corn, maize.

F. P. Moore, Sudan grass, maize, sweet clover, frijoles, beets, onions, six kinds of Indian corn.

Wm. Troup, oats and maize.

G. A. Brimage, broom corn, maize, kafir.

N. L. Grady, corn and maize.

J. W. Woodard, white and red maize, also feterita.

Colonel Reaves, Endee, twelve sweet potatoes, and some good maize.

J. M. Allen, Endee, maize, kafir, yellow and white corn, tomatoes, and onions.

W. B. Small, corn, maize, Egyptian wheat, melons.

His corn looked as good as some we have seen in fairs in Missouri.

J. H. Gill, Endee, fine broom corn.

W. E. Martin, fine water melons, one of which weighed 49 1/2 pounds.

white maize, hooper corn, corn, and feterita.

L. H. Hitch, Quay, white wonder corn.

W. H. Green had a nice display of wheat which he raised on his place.

The booth of Mr. Johnson was not yet marked up when we were checking up the exhibits but he told us he had 150 different varieties of products in the display and his booth was completely filled with corn, maize, beans, cotton, Sudan grass, peanuts, melons and everything else imaginable.

His display alone would be good argument that Quay county will raise anything. His place is just a few miles north of Tucumcari.

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## ANTI-PROHIBITION LEAGUE MAKES AN APPEAL TO CITIZENS

### NON-RESIDENT WISE MAN

Those who are responsible for the reasons advanced and arguments used in support of continuing the regulation of the liquor traffic by the method of licensing the open saloon have refrained from slinging mud or using expressions that would reflect unfavorably upon any person who advanced opposite views on the issue and have acknowledged the right of any person to entertain and urge opposing ideas with the hope that ill-feeling and animosity might be kept down and it is still the desire of the so-called wets to eliminate and keep out personal animosities from the campaign, realizing as they do that the hatred and bitterness that is often engendered in such contests results in demoralizing the town or city wherein the contest is waged.

Not until the communication from a former official, (by appointment and never by election by the people), of this city, had either party to the controversy made use of disparaging statements, but according to the views are inferentially lunatics and all who oppose arguments to his bald statements are characterized as "silly." As a rule this word is seldom used except by those whose vocabularies are extremely limited and whose powers of expression are likewise handicapped by inability to think accurately.

From afar off beneath the shadows of the mighty Oregon forests near where the majestic Columbia sweeps along bearing its many waters to the Western Ocean, comes the prophetic utterances of this one time city official. Without advancing any reason whatever, he advises the voters of Tucumcari to change from the open saloon well regulated and with sufficient laws and ordinances to regulate, to a system so devious and so hidden that the police authority is often powerless to protect the public against its evil and diabolical consequences, and also to a system, which at this time our state laws are wholly inadequate to cope with.

Like many others who have prepared articles for publication in favor of prohibiting the sale of liquors by local option, the well meaning, but mind befogged former city official, places much emphasis upon the expenses caused the state or county in prosecuting offences, the causes of which are attributed to the sale of intoxicants by the open and regularly licensed saloon. Will some of those who have utilized so much time and effort in procuring the statistics showing the cost of prosecuting crimes alleged to have been attributed to intoxicants, not also obtain some statistics from local option states showing the expenses caused them by prosecuting bootleggers. Would it not have been fairer to the tax payers of this City if they would publish the expense of some county or state in prosecuting the offences alleged to have been caused by intoxicants and then for the same period of time the expenses so caused by prosecuting bootleggers and jointists? That is if the state had once had open saloons and then adopted state wide prohibition, or local option.

Possibly some one will say, "Why the county would collect sufficient fines by convicting the bootleggers to pay the cost of prosecution. How often, let us ask, does such an individual pay a fine assessed against him? Not only does the tax-payer have to defray the expenses of his prosecution, but in more than half of the cases, and this percentage is too low, he has to pay the board bill while the bootlegger is laying out his fine or serving his jail sentence.

If local option has been such a panacea for the prevention of crime in Oregon as the gentleman would have us believe, to what cause does he attribute the murder of the warden of the State Penitentiary and the killing of the convict who murdered him by the officers sent to apprehend the slayer? Possibly the article was written before this double tragedy occurred, or our wise counselor would have told us that it was due to the fact that the City of Portland has open saloons.

It is barely possible that there are still living in this city some who will remember that this self-same oracle once advised the people that they could pay \$65,000 for a \$30,000 water system and operate it by making the chief of police the superintendent of the water works and thus run the system without additional expense to the city and at the same time the city derive the revenue from water rents.

It is also probable that a few will remember that at the same time he advised the taxpayers that the estimate of \$65,000 was sufficient to purchase the system and to put up the water tower, and there are probably those who may know this estimate was made by the one who based the figuring upon the information of those who desired

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